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Dear Sirs:

I have recently been made aware of the "Memorandum of Understanding" you have drafted as a part of the FDA Modernization Act of 1997. I am specifically concerned about the section on Compounded Drugs and the interstate distribution of same.

As a consumer of such a compound, I am concerned as to how the memorandum will affect me personally. After years of experimenting with numerous synthetic drugs prescribed by my doctor, I was only able to find relief for my symptoms with the use of natural compounded ingredients which I now purchase with a doctor's prescription from an out of state pharmacy.

As I said earlier, I am not sure just how, or if this will affect me. I do understand the need to protect the safety of consumers, however, I would urge you to take into consideration the thousands of people who are dependent upon these compounds daily to maintain the quality of their lives. I would hope that any decisions you make will help us and not inadvertently hurt us.

Sincerely yours,



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